Leakage of Question Papers of Technical Entrance Exams

2691. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that papers of various entrance examination for technical courses had been leaked;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years alongwith the action taken to curb it; and

(c) whether there is any national body assigned with the task of ensuring that the prestigious examinations are conducted in a fair manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Common Admission Test (CAT) for entry to all Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) conducted on November 23, 2003 had to be cancelled due to alleged leakage of question paper. The text was successfully re-conducted on February 15, 2004. The entire admission procedure was thoroughly reviewed in a combined meeting of the IIMs. As a result several additional precautions i.e. change of the printing press, additional seal for each question paper, additional security during test construction, additional deployment of faculty and staff during conduction of the text etc. were implemented in subsequent test.

(c) No, Sir.

Accommodation of students

2692. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court in its judgement has held that schools will have to accommodate their own students in a stream if the later's choice of seats are available;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that students of a particular school are forced to take other subjects instead of subjects of their choice lying vacant;